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Simpson resigns as FCS president



Drawing for placement on the ballot

Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors candidate John Dixon (right) draws for placement on the ballot in the upcoming election from Frank Cheaney, board secretary. Dixon is one of seven candidates running for three seats on the board. Other candidates are Nolan Brandt, Ruth King, Tom McNew, Mary Partlow, Ray Reyna and Wylie Simmons.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort board adds recall of Saylor to ballot for upcoming election

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Jack Simpson resigned Saturday as president of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors during the association's monthly meeting.

Glen White, who was appointed as vice president, will assume Simpson's duties as president of the board.

When asked about his resignation this week, Simpson declined to comment.

Simpson is one of three directors whose terms are expiring this year. Mona Miller and Bob Williamson are not seeking re-election to the board.

There are seven candidates vying for the three seats on the board — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Ruth King, Tom McNew, Mary Partlow, Ray Reyna and Wylie Simmons. Each seat has a three-year term.

Ballots will be mailed in early February, and the results of the election will be announced March 29.

The four remaining members of the board are White, Frank



Glen White has taken over as president of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

Cheaney, Carol Miller and Tom Saylor.

The board voted in executive session Saturday to include the recall of Saylor from the board on the ballot.

Carol Miller wanted to address the issue in open session, but after recessing the meeting for a short break, Simpson announced to the audience that the discussions would be held behind closed doors.

SWTJC student saves Eagle Pass man's life

December was a busy month for Robert Lara Ibarra of Eagle Pass. The 42-year-old finished up his final exams on the way to receiving a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Sul Ross State University's Rio Grande College.

Although he didn't know it at the time, David McMurray, a 29-year-old air conditioning and refrigeration student at Southwest Texas Junior College, played a big hand in Ibarra's successful graduation. On Nov. 24, McMurray saved Ibarra's life.

"My parents said an angel must have come by and helped me out. I wanted to meet you and say thanks," Ibarra told McMurray on Dec. 13 when the two men met for the first time on the campus of SWTJC.

Actually, it was the second time the two had met, but Ibarra has absolutely no recollection of their first encounter on Nov. 24 at the intersection of Ham Lane and Garner Field Road in Uvalde.

"I came to Uvalde that Sunday to take part in the Crop Walk," Ibarra said when he came to Uvalde to meet the man who saved his life. "One of my professors at Sul Ross had told us about the event, but it turns out he was a week off on the date."

Ibarra said there weren't any people at the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce Office, where he was told the walk would begin, so he just kept driving out E. Main Street.

"I remember driving past the Dairy Queen and the next thing I knew I was looking up at the ceiling lights in the hospital, asking a nurse what had happened," Ibarra said.

McMurray and Ibarra crossed paths for the first time at the intersection of Ham Lane and Garner Field Road near the campus of Southwest Texas Junior College.

"I was on my way back in from deer hunting a little after noon on Sunday and was

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Water district rules still draw criticism

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Although Brian Sledge received some praise for the revisions he made to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District's rules, some say there are still problems within the regulations.

The district's board adopted the revised rules by a 5-1 vote earlier this month, following a public hearing that lasted over 2½ hours.

Well-spacing regulations are included in the revised rules. Though originally included in the statutes, they were once taken out before being added again at the request of Darlene Shahan, a board member who also serves as interim general manager.

"We have actual experience with new high-production wells near six of our existing wells permanently dropping the levels in those six wells," Shahan said in her written comments to Sledge. "All these wells had to be redrilled to a greater depth because of two new irrigation wells... The effected wells were anywhere from ½ mile to 2 miles away from the new wells."

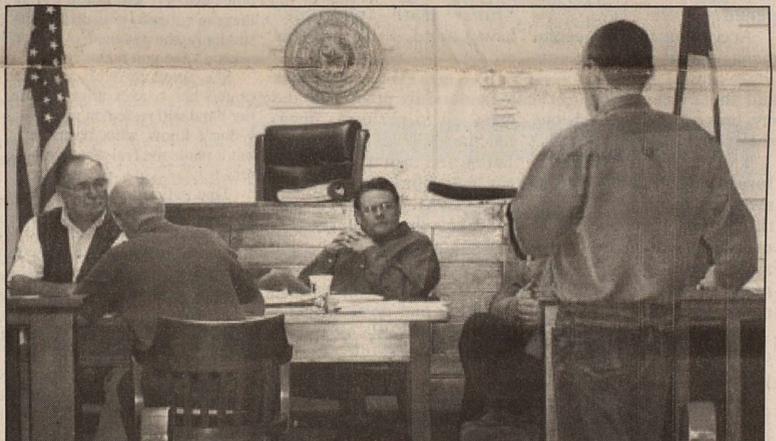


Photo by J.J. Guidry

Debating the rules

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District board members Bob Young (from left), Don Hood and Zach Davis listen as Lynn Sherman, president of Texas Water Development Company, comments on the district's rules.

Zach Davis, a former director who resigned the same night the rules were passed, complained that members of the board received copies of all of the written comments given to Sledge except for those submit-

ted by Shahan.

Paul Terrill, an Austin attorney representing Kinney County landowner Justin Burk, said a number of rules still hinder those who can claim historical use.

The new rules move the date

for filing a well application from March 1 to April 1, but Terrill said that is still not enough time.

"I think six months is a reasonable amount of time to put together your information nec-

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INSIDE

Shanae Simmons

For some reason, I had been feeling really low. It seemed like nothing could go just right, and my confidence level had hit an all-time low.
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Chuck Hall

I have two friends that are gun-shy. Well, actually only one friend. The other is my dog, Sally, my yellow Labrador retriever, is quite gun-shy.
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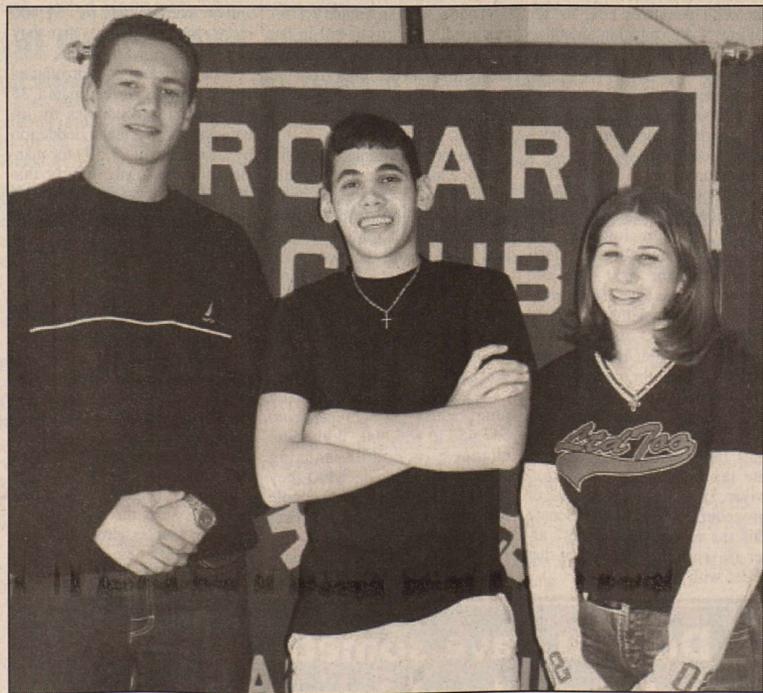
Tigerettes win

The Tigerettes picked up their second district win with a 40-29 victory over Freer. Brackett led 17-13 at halftime and then pulled away late.
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Rotary Youth Leadership Award winners
Pictured from left, Rotary youth exchange student Maarten Vos (from left) of the Netherlands, and Rotary Youth Leadership Award winners Hector Febres and Emily Petrosky, both juniors at BHS, attended last week's club meeting.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Febres, Petrosky win Rotary youth awards

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

The Rotary Club entertained special guests at its weekly meeting Thursday at Las Moras Restaurant.

Winners of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Hector Febres and Emily Petrosky, were in attendance, along with Rotary International exchange student Maarten Vos. They were introduced by Paula Renken, January program chairman.

The students attended the RYLA Conference in New Braunfels last weekend and later will be going to the Rotary International Conference in Eagle Pass.

BHS Principal John Paul Schuster selected the award recipients. The criteria for selection were exhibiting leadership qualities and having a high scholastic standing.

Emily is the daughter of Carroll and Mary Petrosky. Hector's parents are Carlos and Magda Febres.

Each student spoke about themselves and their activities

for a few minutes.

Emily said that she was particularly pleased to be selected to go to RYLA because her older sister and brother had both gone and had returned home enthusiastically, recounting their experiences.

Petrosky's parents are educators. Her mother teaches math at Brackett Junior High and her father is head of the Alternative School.

Emily is active in debate and was selected to be in the school's one-act play. She plays sports and is heavily involved in her upper level courses.

Emily is a junior this year and has looked at a couple of colleges, but hasn't decided where she would like to go as yet. When asked where she would be working this year, Emily said she would be cleaning horse stalls for some of her teachers, and that she had previously worked as a lifeguard last summer.

Hector's father is a simulator instructor at Laughlin Air Base and his mother is a homemaker.

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EDITORIAL

Why is FCS board singling out Saylor?

Controversy is nothing new at Fort Clark Springs, but it seems to have gone to extremes over the past year. We have yet to publicly take sides in the dispute, but after a recent decision by the board, we feel we cannot remain silent any longer.

Last summer, when Mona Miller and Tom Saylor were the only board members to vote for the removal of Maggie Banner Kerr as general manager, a group of fort members formed the Preservation Society and began efforts to recall the five remaining directors, who refused a change in administration.

After circulating a petition signed by over 400 members, a special membership meeting was held Aug. 16 and a majority of the members casting ballots voted to keep Miller and Saylor on the board and remove Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller, Jack Simpson, Glen White and Bob Williamson. District Judge Tom

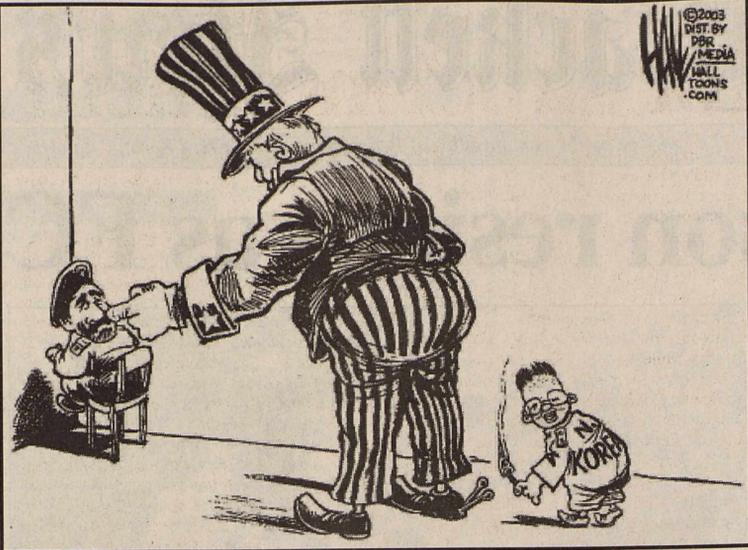
Lee later ruled that the election had "no legal effect."

This past Saturday, the board voted in executive session to include the recall of Saylor as a director on the ballot for the upcoming annual election.

When the Preservation Society worked for a recall election, they included all seven directors on the ballot. The board has unfairly singled out Saylor as the only director to be considered for recall in next month's election. We feel this is an injustice to the members of the association.

Simpson resigned from the board Saturday, and Williamson and Mona Miller are not seeking another term.

If the board wants Saylor recalled, why not include Cheaney, White and Carol Miller on the ballot for removal from the board? Then the wishes of the majority could finally be heard. We think it's the only fair thing to do.



A simple pat on the back can change a person's life

For some reason, I had been feeling really low. It seemed like nothing could go just right, and my confidence level had hit an all-time low. Basketball wasn't the same, school wasn't the same, and friends just weren't the same. I did not know what was wrong. I tried to be happy, but I had seemed to lose the oomph that makes me Shanae.

Recently, I participated in UIL and earned third place in news writing. It felt really good, and I thought it would make me feel better. I even won a trophy. But there was still something missing, and I could feel it right inside my gut. I just didn't feel all there.

Then, suddenly something changed. I sat by one of my teachers after the meet at the restaurant we were going to be eating at. She was talking to another teacher, and I didn't think that she noticed I was there, then suddenly she reached over and asked, "Are you feeling better?"

She patted my back, and continued her conversation, while her hand still rested on my back. I don't know what happened, but it made me feel so much better.

That pat on the back made a world of difference. It felt really nice, and I was glad that she did it. Just a little touch that said, "I acknowledge your presence and I care enough to show it,"



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

made me happier.

I felt more important than I had before, and suddenly comforted. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't left out the whole day or treated harshly, but my teacher, the lovely woman she is, went a step further than anyone else. She showed that she cared. I couldn't understand how a pat on the back could make such a difference, but it had.

Then I started wondering why just that pat on the back made me feel different, just a simple touch. I remembered talking about it in personal family development, and how touch affected infants and small children.

Some infants, who were not touched and simply ignored, died suddenly. I even heard a story once about a little boy who was never touched and shown that much affection. He only had food, clothing and shelter, but he wasn't shown love. One day, after getting off the bus from school, he dropped dead suddenly.

Touch is a big part of our genetic development. When

touched, a part of the brain slows down called the hypothalamic area, which controls the flight or flight response. It causes a feeling of well-being and security.

That is why, when a child has been hurt, rubbing a "boo-boo" does something physical as well as emotional.

There are even new treatments. Massage and touch therapies may positively impact autism and ADD, ending in less acting-out and greater relaxation. Even asthma patients have responded well. Premature babies that were given 15 daily minutes of massages, gained weight faster than those who were not.

All kinds of children with different disabilities like burn victims, diabetics, and those with cancer, showed improvement in their individual cases just through touch. It can also really affect one's self-esteem and confidence.

Touch is very important for humans, not just in our development, but throughout life. It can change lives. So next time you see someone down in the dumps, or who just looks like they need recognition, give them a pat on the back.

Go a little further, reach out and show that you care. Believe me, it can make a world of difference.

Pulling the plug on the 'I do' tax

What if I told you we discouraged something that could reduce instances of poverty and child abuse, lessen the likelihood for children to be depressed or have developmental problems, dramatically cut adolescent drug use, and decrease instances of domestic violence?

Unfortunately, that's exactly what happens in our country every day. The benefits of marriage are well established, and research shows us that the host of societal ills mentioned above are far less likely to occur in a married household. Yet, our country's tax code penalizes couples for saying "I do," placing an added tax burden on those who choose to marry.

Americans should not have to choose between love and money. Yet, poorly-conceived tax laws force them to do just that.

Fortunately, in 2001, Congress took a step in the right direction, passing sweeping tax relief, including lowering the marriage penalty for all Americans at just the right time. No one could have foreseen the economic downturn that followed the terror attacks on our nation, and the tax relief helped create jobs and grow the economy.

Congress eliminated the death tax, lessened the marriage penalty, increased retirement savings limits and boldly reduced the tax burden for every taxpayer. Unfortunately, because of procedural rules in the Senate this tax relief will "sunset" after 10 years. In 2011, all of that relief will vanish.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

One of my highest priorities in 2003 is to accelerate this tax relief and make it permanent. The American people deserve to have consistency in the tax code so they can adequately plan and prepare for their retirement and for their family's future.

That's why in January I introduced a bipartisan bill in the Senate to provide immediate and permanent tax relief from the marriage penalty, effectively ending this inequity for most couples.

The bill is simple, straightforward and effective. It would immediately increase the standard deduction for married couples filing a joint return so it is twice that of the basic standard deduction for single individuals. The bill would also widen the 15 percent tax bracket for married couples, effectively placing some in a lower tax bracket.

For 2003, the threshold would jump nearly 20 percent, from \$47,450 to \$56,800. With these changes, a couple earning \$30,000 could keep \$800 they now pay in taxes, while a couple earning \$80,000 could pocket more than \$1,300.

The bill also would increase the Earned Income Tax Credit

(EITC) phase-out levels for married people. The EITC, which is given to people whose wages are too low to pay taxes, is an important benefit for some of our nation's poorest citizens. By increasing the phase-out level, we help reduce the risk that low-income workers will lose their benefit simply by getting married.

This is a surefire way to put money in people's pockets and will help give the economy a needed boost. Nearly half of all married couples in America currently pay a marriage penalty, and on average they pay \$1,400 more each year in taxes than they would if they were single.

The legislation I introduced would benefit an estimated 35 million married couples by increasing the standard deduction by an average of \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly this year. In Texas alone, this bill would benefit an estimated 2.4 million families.

I have introduced this bipartisan legislation along with my colleague from Indiana, Sen. Evan Bayh, because we want to ensure this issue is quickly addressed by Congress. In the current economy, it is critical we enact immediate tax relief so couples can spend more of their hard-earned money to meet their needs — not the government's.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to make sure the dreams and hopes of couples across the country no longer help line the coffers of the IRS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fort G.M. must accept responsibility

In the Fort Clark January newsletter, the general manager has basically admitted that the fort is in bad shape.

She states: "I know all sounds like doom and gloom, but just look around you and see what you are still getting."

In other words, look around at what's left after a couple of years under my management. And you'd better look quick because what's left may not last long either.

It was not that long ago that she was saying "Fort Clark is running fine." Now it's "all sounds like doom and gloom." What happened?

According to the general manager, all her problems were caused by employees and the Preservation Society, not actions or decisions she made.

I think she conveniently forgot about the 400-plus members that signed the petition, and the 600 to 721 members that voted to remove five renegade directors that refused to remove the general manager for what many believe, myself included, was an abuse of power.

Looking at the current condition of the fort, maybe the five directors should have listened and represented the members, instead of the general manager.

It's no longer just a matter of over-grown green areas, terrible employee relations and management problems. Apparently the fort's hurting financially, with talk of a special — one time? — assessment, and I believe it will get worse. Now comes the finger-pointing, excuses and passing the buck. The G.M. says that legitimate actions taken by fort members and employees, and an apparent problem with "fuzzy math syndrome" have caused all the financial problems — not her!

The general manager is in a leadership position, and expected to perform. Imagine the CEO of a company failing and then trying to justify the failure by complaining about employee and management problems that are all just part of the job they were hired to deal with.

This is ridiculous! Do your job and do it right, or do the honorable thing and resign.

Dave Reinhold

Maria D. Martinez

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization would like to congratulate Maria D. Martinez for being accepted to Rice University.

She is the daughter of Natividad and Maria Martinez, two active members in the Organization since 3/17/96. Also would like to thank Maria for her volunteering her time to the organization during these past 7 yrs.

Big Mama Sez!

Those who are loved widely are usually those who throw caution to the wind and declare their love freely.

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Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Give the gift of life

This time of year is a busy one for all of us. The holiday season has come to a close. We've made our new year's resolutions and we're getting back into the swing of things.

As you dash into 2003, I urge you to consider an extra new year's resolution: donate blood. The need is great, and the few minutes it takes may mean years of life for a sick or injured patient.

The good news is that millions of Americans voluntarily donate blood every year. The bad news is that this is not enough. Did you know that 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but only 5 percent donates each year?

The demand for blood is constantly increasing, but the nation's blood banks simply can not keep up. According to the American Red Cross, the amount of blood needed by hospitals increased more than 15 percent in the past year. Maintaining an adequate amount of blood for surgeries, trauma victims and treatment of diseases is becoming a year-round problem.

What's worse is that donations traditionally slump during the Christmas holiday season. Colleges, schools and businesses that normally host blood drives close and families take vacations. An outbreak of the flu and bad weather can also affect donations. That means that the demand for blood is higher this time of year than in other months.

In order to avoid a critical shortage, more donors are needed. Donating blood is safe, painless and can save the lives of others. Any individual who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more can donate. Donating blood takes about 45 minutes to one hour, including 20 minutes for the actual blood collection.

Type "O" blood is the most commonly used because it can be safely transfused to people of all blood types.

You can give blood every eight weeks, but remember that with just one donation you could save a life.

There are many places where donations can be made. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches and other community organizations. People can also donate at community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at blood drives at their workplace.

To find out where you can donate, call the national Red Cross hotline at (800) GIVE-LIFE, America's Blood Centers at (888) 256-6388, or the American Association of Blood Banks at (866) 376-6968.

Every few seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In the year 2003, make a resolution to give the gift of life — donate blood.

Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who provided their prayers, flowers, food, and cooking during our difficult times. Thanks to each and everyone of you.

The De Hoyos Family

LETTERS POLICY

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Do you have something to say about a local issue? Write a letter to the editor today!

School board to begin its search for superintendent

The school board has authorized advertising the vacancy for superintendent of schools.

We'll send notices to lots of school districts, universities and major newspapers in Texas.

My plans for the future are undetermined. We love our home at Fort Clark Springs. It is one of the best places in the world to live (in our opinion).

We do not know if we will move closer to grandchildren or not. It is a difficult time, but we're working our way through it.

Basketball

The basketball teams have won two district games as I write — Dilley and Freer. We played Natalia in a late game Tuesday night.

Junior high competition wraps up this weekend with tournaments out of town.

Festival Committee sponsors 5K run/walk T-shirt design contest

The Fort Clark Springs Festival Committee is looking for students to design a T-shirt for the Fort Clark Springs Festival 5k run and walk. The event is scheduled for March 8 at 8:30 a.m., in conjunction with the annual Fort Clark Springs Festival.

The contest is open to all students from seventh to 12th grade. The deadline for entry is Feb. 7. The committee will judge all entries on Feb. 8. The winner of the contest will have his or her design printed on the T-shirts.

Entry forms and details for the contest are available in the high school and middle school offices, as well as the Fort Clark

State Testing

We had a preview of some of the state testing this week. Cathy Lutz, school district test coordinator, and Bo Hagler, have been busy setting up the tests. These are field tests to give feedback information to TEA officials about the tests. It is interesting to me that we are still field-testing while the actual tests are only a few weeks away.

Academic Competitions

Congratulations to the UIL academic team with its superb showing last weekend at Brackenridge High School in San Antonio.

The debate team of Toni Rosetti and Beau Watkins placed first out of 40 debate teams. We also did well in accounting, news writing and editorial writing.

Region 20 Workshop

Jones Elementary School



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Principal Paula Renken and I will assist the Region 20 Education Service Center in presenting a workshop to Texas school administrators in Austin next week.

Our schools do so many things right. We're proud to share with other Texas school districts.

Region Band

Congratulations to our region band members Jeff Tipps, Cody Robinette, Yasmine Pena and Kami Berg, who represented Brackett ISD this past weekend

in San Antonio.

Reports are that the band was outstanding. We're proud of you. Keep up the good work.

RYLA Conference

Rotary Youth Leadership Award representatives this year were Emily Petrosky, Hector Febres and Maartin Vos, our exchange student from Holland. They attended leadership training sponsored by the Rotary Club in New Braunfels this past weekend.

Warm Weather

The warm weather of the past week has given us a preview of spring in Kinney County.

I have begun to see robins looking for nourishment on the golf course. It won't be long until we see signs of spring with flowers and trees. I look forward to those days!

Have a great week!

RGEC sponsors essay contest

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is sponsoring an essay contest for students ages 14 to 18 years old. The prize is a Dell computer system.

To be eligible to enter, a student's parents or legal guardian must be a member in good standing of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

Students must submit an original, type-written essay, 500 words or more, entitled "Why Co-ops Are Special."

The upper right-hand corner of the essay must contain the member's name (parent or legal guardian), address and telephone number as it appears on their Rio Grande Electric bill, as well as the

student's name, age and the name of the school the student currently attends.

References to family names, specific locations, or any information that might reveal the identity of the writer cannot be included in the body of the essay.

Entries must be submitted to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, TX 78832, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Essay Contest."

The deadline for entries is April 30. Essays will be judged during the May monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, and the winner will then be notified.

Water district rules still draw criticism

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essary to file the application," Terrill told the board.

"The biggest problem everybody is going to have here is we're going from a completely unregulated environment to a regulated environment. The biggest aspect of that is very few people have meters on their wells — nobody has required any."

"You have a situation where somebody is trying to prove up their use, and that's part of filing your declaration of maximum historic use. There ought to be more time to assemble that data before that initial application is filed," he said.

Terrill also suggested extending the period of time in which well owners can amend their applications.

"The EAA (Edwards Aquifer Authority) hadn't set up this deadline where you've only got until the end of this year to amend your application," he said. "The EAA has said until you get to the final point of board action on a permit, you can amend. Even during a contested case hearing, you can come in and amend your application with additional data to

prove up additional use.

"The purpose of that is people are going to have a hard time proving up historic use because we're not dealing with metered wells. If you can come up with additional data, additional information, additional evidence, you ought to be able to use it — it's as simple as that. The cut-off date here is too soon," he added.

Terrill also said the district's historical-use period of 10 years is an arbitrary time period.

"Don't pick a date — any date truly is arbitrary," he said. "If you've got historic use and you can prove it up, that's all that matters. It shouldn't have to fit into a specific window."

"I think taking out the time frame in there makes good sense and is something that the board ought to do."

Terrill said having to renew permits annually was also unreasonable.

"The vast majority of the districts that I've dealt with and the ones that I'm familiar with throughout the state, especially the irrigation-based districts similar to what we have here, they don't require farmers to come in on a yearly basis," he

said. "It's an unnecessary burden on the district and it's definitely an unnecessary burden on the farmers."

"There are a lot of districts that, for historic-use permits, have used perpetual duration. That's what I've suggested. That's what the EAA has for their historic-use permits. There are other terms also, but one year is too short."

The EAA said in its written comments to Sledge that the rules do not allow for the protection of spring-flows.

In his response, Sledge said: "The district fully intends to protect spring-flows in implementation of its proportionate reduction regulations. There are a number of significant springs located within the boundaries of the district, in addition to the springs within the boundaries of the EAA."

"It will be helpful for the EAA to assist the district in gathering data on the connectivity between water-bearing formations within the district and the spring-flows of Comal and San Marcos Springs, as well as the springs located within the boundaries of the district," Sledge added.

Terrill urged the board to be "very, very cautious of buying into the EAA's notion that this district is responsible for protecting endangered species at San Marcos and Comal Springs, which is about 250 or so miles away."

"To the extent that this district buys into that concept, you're going to get a visit from your friends over at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and they're not very friendly when they're dealing with these endangered species," he told the directors. "You might also get a visit from the Sierra Club, which has threatened suit against the EAA and has actually sued a number of people, including irrigators in Medina and Uvalde County."

"It's a subject that has caused a decade's worth of controversy in the Edwards Aquifer."

"I'm urging extreme caution in dealing with endangered species. The district, without clear scientific proof that water from this district is affecting those springs, ought not suggest that it does. That has had consequences for the district, and certainly for the pumps that rely on that water," Terrill added.

Amistad National Recreation Area announces fee changes

A new three-day lake user permit is now available for \$10, or \$5 with a Golden Age/Golden Access Passport, at the Amistad National Recreation Area, offi-

cially announced.

The camping fee at Governors Landing is now \$8 per night per site or \$4 with a Golden Age/Golden Access Passport. Govern-

ors Landing is the only Amistad NRA campground with drinking water available on site.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on

Highway 90 in Del Rio, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. For more information, call (830) 775-7491.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Jan. 13

5:46 p.m., Constable Bobby Guidry reported a broken down vehicle on Highway 90, west of Brackettville, near the Foyt Ranch and Amanda Crossing.

8:28 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a lady was harassing her daughter.

8:59 p.m., A woman reported that a Comstock school bus had been broken into while in Brackettville. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was informed that four CD players, three CD cases with CDs, two jackets, make-up, a razor and cash was stolen from the bus. Superintendent Taylor Stephenson was also notified of the situation.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8:27 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that someone killed a dog and left her puppies on Highway 131.

2 p.m., A man reported lights

shot out of the storage building at the First Baptist Church.

3:49 p.m., A woman reported a man had assaulted her at a residence on Remote Alley.

7:55 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a suspicious vehicle near the weather ball on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

10:38 p.m., A woman reported that she had been arguing with her husband and he refused to leave their apartment on E. First Street.

Friday, Jan. 17

1:57 a.m., A woman requested assistance because she was having problems with her husband.

11:56 p.m., A 911 caller reported a family dispute at a residence on W. El Paso Street.

Saturday, Jan. 18

6 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that two 13-year-olds

that, were reported missing, had been found and that he needed someone to pick them up.

6:29 a.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys in his vehicle at Fort Clark Springs.

1:30 p.m., A Del Rio DPS dispatcher reported a reckless driver travelling east on Highway 90 towards Brackettville.

5:36 p.m., A woman reported a one-vehicle roll-over on Highway 90, two miles past the weather ball, east of Brackettville.

10:49 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee requested assistance at a residence in Unit 27, near Fairway Circle.

Sunday, Jan. 19

9:15 a.m., A woman reported a loose goat on Highway 90.

11:30 a.m., Grover Neuman, 48, of Devine was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for assault causing bodily injury and

deadly conduct. He was released the same day on a \$2,500 bail bond.

1:06 p.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported criminal mischief on Fort Clark Springs where someone had vandalised state speed-limit signs.

5:33 p.m., A woman reported that her neighbors were walking back and forth on her property line in Unit 27 of Fort Clark Springs, near Fairway Circle.

6:25 p.m., A man reported that his neighbor was walking around with a rifle near his residence in Unit 27 at Fort Clark Springs.

6:57 p.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys in his vehicle at the intersection of Loop 166 and F.M. 2804.

9:10 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a possible break-in of a residence in Unit 3.

OBITUARY

Susanne Ballantyne Brice

Susanne Ballantyne Brice passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at a local hospital.

Brice was born Aug. 24, 1929, in San Antonio to Campbell Burn Ballantyne and J. Lee Hill Ballantyne. She was raised in Brackettville, where she graduated from high school.

She received a bachelor of science degree in history and education from Sul Ross State University.

While attending Sul Ross, she met Hollis R. Brice and on Aug. 26, 1950, they were married in Brackettville. She taught in the Midland Independent School System for 17 years and was a member of First Baptist church.

Brice was very active in senior league bowling and was an avid sports fan. She loved to travel, particularly to the Big

Bend area, and loved family gatherings.

Brice was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband: Hollis Brice of Midland; three children: Jana Levens of Midland, Tom Brice and wife Pamela of Midland, and Carrie Brice of Amarillo; three grandchildren: Brian Coats and wife Nicole of Kingwood, Leah Jumper and husband Jason of Midland, and John Brice of Midland; and great-grandchild: Braden Jumper of Midland.

Funeral services are scheduled for today at 1 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorials may be directed to the Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702 or the charity of one's choice.

Severo De Hoyos

Local Brackettville rancher Severo De Hoyos, 73, was reunited with his spiritual family on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.

He was born in Jimenez Coahuila, Mexico on Feb. 2, 1929.

De Hoyos is survived by his wife: Epifania De Hoyos; sons: Martin De Hoyos and wife Teresita, Gerardo De Hoyos and wife Janie, Severo De Hoyos Jr. and wife Belinda, Santos De Hoyos and wife Savannah, all of Brackettville, and Miguel De Hoyos and wife Carrie of Germany; daughter: Alma Garcia and husband Gaudalupe of Baytown; grandchildren: Angel, Erica, Roxanna, Amber, Adrianna, Israel, Jerry Lee, Samantha, Briana and Alex;

great-grandchildren: Telisha Lee; brothers: Alvarado De Hoyos and wife Rosa, Miguel De Hoyos of Sonora, Juan De Hoyos of Wisconsin, Felipe De Hoyos and wife Maggie, and Gabino De Hoyos and wife Berturis of Houston; sisters: Anita Gonzales and husband Elian of Fort Worth and Socorro Lomas and husband Ricardo of Jimenez, Mexico.

A funeral mass was held on Monday at St. Mary Magdelene Catholic Church with Father Cornelius Scanlan, O.M.I., officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Pall bearers were sons Martin, Gerardo, Severo Jr., Miguel and Santos, and son-in-law Guadalupe Garcia Jr.

Donald R. Whiteacre

Donald R. Whiteacre, age 60, of Brackettville, passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, in a Kerrville veteran's hospital.

He was born in Burkburnett on July 6, 1942 to Edgar George Whiteacre and Edna Frances (Mays) Whiteacre. He married Patsy Daniel in Long Beach, Calif., on June 25, 1966.

Whiteacre was an electronic tech in the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife: Patsy; two sons: Nathan and

Sean Whiteacre; daughter-in-law: Love Whiteacre; two brothers: Carl and Bernard Whiteacre; and one grandchild: Symphony Whiteacre.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapel.com by selecting the "send condolences" link.

BRIEFS

Poster and essay contest announced

The West Nueces-Las Moras Soil & Water Conservation is sponsoring an essay and poster contest.

The essay contest is an essay written about soil and water conservation and is open to students 18 years old and younger. The essay has a 300-word maximum and the title page must include the title and the student's name, address and grade. The deadline to enter is Jan. 31. Awards and cash prizes will be given for first, second and third place winners.

The theme for the poster contest is: "The Gift of Trees" or "Food for the Future." It is open to students 12 years old and younger. Participants should use a standard poster board cut in half (22 inches by 14 inches) and flat art work — no 3-D art. Student's should include their name, their teacher's name and their grade on the back of the poster. The deadline to enter is Jan. 31. Awards and cash prizes will be given for first and second place winners.

All entries must be turned in by the deadline to the SWCD office or the Kinney County Extension Office. For more information, call Pam Hale at SWCD office at 563-2414.

Little League registration Feb. 4-8

Registration for the 2003 Kinney County Little League season will be held on Feb. 4-7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Children ages 5 to 16 who live within the Kinney County Little League boundaries are eligible to enroll and play. Registration is required even if the child played previously. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present, with proof of residence and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected and returned at registration.

Fees are \$30 for first child, or \$55 for two or more children. Also, each child is asked to bring a 12-pack of soft drinks at the time of registration to be sold in the concession stand.

For more information, call Kinney County Little League President Jenifer Harris at 563-2273.

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Jazz Band to provide music at dinner theater



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Dinner theater opens tonight

Cast members for the Nueces Canyon Band Boosters dinner theater production of "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue include, front row (from left): Louis Webb, Kara Harney and Brian Garnett. Back row: Brian White, Norma Sweeten, Ward Fairchild, Peggy Luce and Kenneth Perkins.

CAMP WOOD — Dinner theater patrons attending the Nueces Canyon Band Boosters production of "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue will be presently surprised when they are entertained during their meal by the newly-formed Camp Wood Jazz Band.

The band is comprised of current band students, former band students, the band director, a former band director and a community member.

The jazz band first performed at Nueces Canyon's Christmas Concert in December and was well received.

The group is under the direction of Roy Quintinilla, Nueces Canyon's band director.

Mr. Q, as everyone calls him, plays the trombone in the band. The group also includes current Nueces Canyon band members Clint Morgan, Brenton Haag and James White, all playing the trumpet, Lee Morgan on trom-



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Making music

Jazz band members, under the direction of Roy Quintinilla (front right), rehearse for their upcoming performance in Nueces Canyon's Dinner Theater.

bone, Travis Morgan on drums, and Alex Austin on keyboards. Former Nueces Canyon band members include Daniel Howk on bass guitar, Andrew Webb on trumpet, and Vennda Sifuentes and Elaine Valenzuela, both on saxophone.

Community members include Greg Haag on drums and Louis Webb, former N.C. band director, playing saxophone.

Performances begin tonight and continue through Saturday.

This is one talented band folks, so don't miss out on the opportunity to hear them perform. Tickets for the Thursday, January 23, Friday, January 24, and Saturday, January 25, 2003 Dinner Theater performances

Tickets for the event are on sale now. For reservations, call (830) 597-5222.

A little gun-shy

I have two friends that are gun-shy. Well, actually only one friend. The other is my dog.

Sally, my yellow Labrador retriever, is quite gun-shy. Gun-shy, noise-shy, me-shy and you-shy. I made her that way. Not intentionally, I just exposed her to too much, too soon. Yep, I caused her phobia. Just rushed too far, too fast.

Dogs can be like that when not treated properly. However, the other gun-shy individual is of his own making.

His is self-inflicted. Whenever I'm around, he's nervous. He is always asking if any of his mishaps, statements or actions is going to make it into my column.

The only reason he has to be gun-shy of me is because I know him so well. But I can't really



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

expose most of his exploits because he knows me well also. He could relate more tales on me than I could on him. So I must, out of selfish necessity, refrain from using his name when referring to any and all deeds that he has done. But he knows who he is.

He even almost admitted missing the dove I wrote about in a recent column. Oh, he knew his error all right. He knew exactly whom I was referring to in the piece. He knows I can shoot straighter than he can by far.

But I could be wrong.

Helpful kitchen hints

I have so many little things to share with you, I thought we would devote a column to a few hints. Maybe you'll find a new one or two useful.

When egg yolks are left, drop them in boiling water and simmer until done. It took me about five minutes.

When serving dip, 1 cup should serve eight and you need one box of crackers. To keep a cake fresh a few days longer, cut an apple in half and place it in the box with the cake. This also works well with cookies.

Color can be a fun decoration on white icing. Shave colored gum-drops very thin and stick them on. They curl like tiny roses. Store your brown sugar and marshmallows in the freezer. They will never get hard or stale.

To make your own whipped butter, soften one stick of butter and beat with an electric mixer until creamy. Slowly add



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

1/2 cup of vegetable oil or 2 tablespoons of milk and continue to beat until light and fluffy. Store covered in refrigerator.

To speed up baking a potato, boil in salted water first for 10 minutes, then put it in the oven. To keep potatoes nice and white when boiling, add a few teaspoons of lemon juice to the boiling water.

I read that if you find the cellophane is stuck to the frosting on packaged cupcakes, etc., hold the package under cold running water for a moment before unwrapping it. It says the cellophane will come off cleanly. See ya next week.

Danchak reviews book about John Adams at DAR meeting

The Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at Uvalde's Holiday Inn on Saturday.

Regent Pat McKelvey called the meeting to order and led the opening ritual, assisted by Bea Carmichael, chaplain. The pledge to the flag of the United States was led by Jan Chism, America's Creed by Shirley Lawrence, and pledge to the Texas flag by Nadine Lasiter.

Dorothy Martin led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and "Texas, Our Texas."

Registrar Joan Davis announced that four applications for membership had been approved by the registrar general in Washington, D.C.

Those approved are Mary Katherine Kellnor Brooks of Leakey whose ancestor is Samuel Brice from South Caro-

lina; Stephanie Linn Heilman DeLeon, also from Leakey, whose ancestor is Michael Koppenhaver from Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Shelton Hiler of Pearsall, whose ancestor is James Taylor from Virginia; and Cordelia Francis Powell Karasek, also from Pearsall, whose ancestor is James Brown from North Carolina.

Applicant members Diane Dooley and Ann Pedersen were welcomed, as well as prospective members Kitty Harrison and Nadine Lasiter.

Four delegates and eight alternates were elected to represent the chapter at the Texas DAR State Conference in San Antonio on March 20-22.

Louise Stone reminded members that the DAR Hill Country Council will meet in Leakey at the Frio Canyon Lodge on Feb. 27.

Becky Danchak presented a book review on "John Adams" by David McCullough. She highly recommended the book, saying it was a book for everyone to read. It shows a personal side of a very public person.

Except for George Washington, John Adams had more to do with winning independence and with the establishment of the system of government we have than anyone of that time.

When the founding fathers signed the oath to fight for freedom against the British, their very lives were on the line. Had the Revolution gone the other way, they would have been found guilty of treason and hung. It was there in writing that they were patriots for the cause. There is much said in the book about the road to independence, as seen through the eyes of Adams and those around him.

The book is also the love story of John and Abigail Adams. The story of their courtship and marriage is documented in the many letters they wrote each other.

John Adams kept saying over and over again that we must become a nation of laws and not of men. He continually stressed that we must have a government that is in balance; that you have executive, judicial and legislative branches, and especially we must have an independent judiciary.

Adams was very distrustful of the majority if the majority had too much power.

This book is about politics and war and social issues, but also human nature, love, religious faith, virtue, ambition, friendship and betrayal, and the far-reaching results of noble ideas.

DRT Library sponsors Texas History Forum

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee is sponsoring its 13th Texas History Forum: "A Texas Sampler." The event will be held in Alamo Hall at the Alamo Complex in San Antonio on Feb. 7. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The first speaker will be Dr. Jenny Lind Porter, one of the poet laureates of Texas. Porter received her bachelor's and master's degrees from UT-Austin and has an honorary doctorate from Pepperdine University.

Porter won the Alicer Fay di Castagnola Award from the Poetry Society of America for her manuscript "Three Dramatic Monologues: da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt." She is also author of "The Seige of the Alamo: A Poem" and the recently released "EL Sol Colorado." Her topic will be "The Story of the German Baron, John

O. Meuseback."

"Making It Up as We Go: The Roots of San Antonio Law" will be presented by native Texan Jay Brandon. He has achieved success as a San Antonio attorney and as a mystery novelist. With a master's degree in writing from Johns Hopkins University, he uses aspects of people, places and happenings in the world of law from his experience as an attorney with the district attorney's office in Bexar County and with the Fourth Court of Appeals to illustrate his many mystery novels.

Brandon's latest novel is "Executive Privilege," published in 2001. He combined his writing experience with his profession as a lawyer when he wrote the nonfiction account "Law and Liberty: A History of the Legal Profession in San Antonio," published in 1996.

Following a mid-morning break, Mary Carolyn George will present "The Architecture of Alfred Giles and the Rebirth of Downtown San Antonio." A native of San Antonio, George is an author, architectural historian and educator. Her works include: "Alfred Giles: An English Architect in Texas and Mexico" and "O'Neil Ford: Architect."

George is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians and has served on the State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places. She was presented with the 2002 John G. Flowers Award for excellence in the promotion of architecture through the media.

The final speaker will be J.P. Bryan, who is senior managing director of Torch Energy and CEO of Torch Energy Advisors. He has extensive preservation

experience and has been chairman of the board of trustees for the Institute of Texan Cultures, president for eight years of the Texas Historical Foundation and president of the Texas State Historical Association.

Bryan's topic will be "Visions of the West: The Torch Collection." He began the Torch Collection in 1969 with the acquisition of rare books, documents and maps about Texas and the desert Southwest. More than 30 years later, the collection is the largest private collection of Texana and one of the largest corporate art assemblies in the country. In 1999, the Torch Collection was profiled in the book, "Visions of the West."

The total cost for the forum and lunch is \$25. For more information call Pat McKelvey at (830) 563-9287 or the DRT Library at (210) 255-1071.

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Students learn in the home

"Did you read about the new testing program," Julie asked her friend Pola.

"Yeah," Pola replied. "I read it and I don't like it. Either the schools are doing their job or they aren't. Why can't we just go by the teachers' grades?"

"I agree that there's too much testing," said Julie. "But it's a fact of life and we have to help our kids make the best of it."

Pola continued in a more angry tone: "I think the public schools are dismal and the quality of education is not what it used to be when we went to school."

Julie paused thoughtfully, then said: "The difference between then and now Pola, is that parents then were much more interested in education and did a lot more at home than they do now. The testing puts pressure on the schools and parents to do more and improve things."

"Well, I'm angry and I'm going to let everybody know about it," Pola exclaimed. "I'm going to the next school board meeting and demand that they do more for the kids."

"Pola, why don't you cool off and think about it," Julie responded. "Education is a partnership between the community



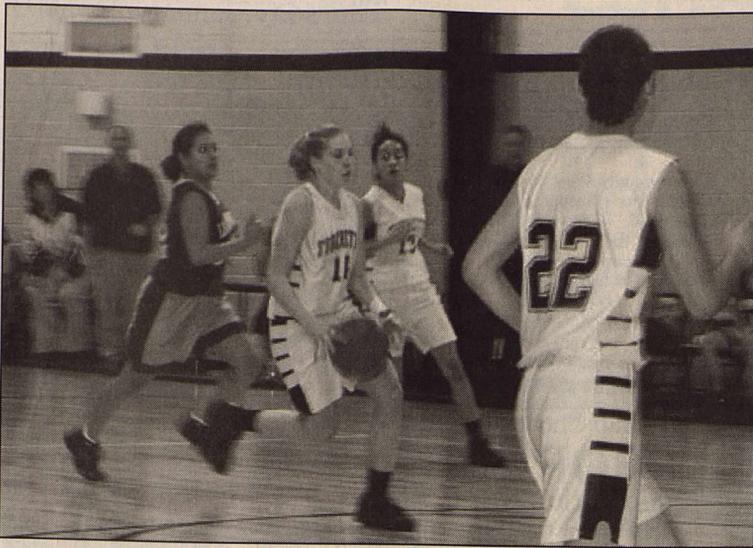
Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

and families. Before you go to the school board, think about what you and Jack can do for your kids at home. I'm betting that the kids who pass the tests have parents that are involved in what the kids are doing in the classroom at school and that there's a lot of good education going on at home. The quality of learning for children is directly proportional to what families are willing to put into it.

"A very wise man once said that parents who love their children discipline and teach them. (Sirach 30:1-3) Learning is to the wise like a chain of gold (21:21) and if a child is willing, he or she can learn. (6:32) Wisdom, discipline and willingness are learned in our homes."

Editor's note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.



Driving to the basket
Ashley Smith (11) penetrates to the basket against Dilley as her teammates fill the lanes in recent action. The two teams meet again next Tuesday.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigerettes top Freer

Smith scores 21 on perfect free-throw shooting

The Brackett Tigerettes picked up their second district win Friday with a 40-29 victory over Freer.

Brackett (7-10, 2-3) led 17-13 at halftime and then pulled away late, outscoring Freer (8-11, 1-4) 14-7 in the final period.

"Our defense had a big impact in our victory," Tigerettes coach Ricky Creel said. "We are starting to be more aggressive on the boards. It was a total team effort."

Ashley Smith led Brackett's attack with 21 points on 9-of-9 shooting from the free-throw line.

Ashley Castillo finished with nine rebounds, eight points and four steals, while Courtney Frerich had five boards and four points.

Tye Taylor scored three

STANDINGS		
District 30-AA Girls		
Team	Dst	Sea
Three Rivers	5-0	12-7
George West	4-1	12-8
Natalia	3-2	11-11
Brackett	2-3	7-10
Freer	1-4	8-11
Dilley	0-5	10-12

Creel said. "If we play like this in the second half of district, we have a chance to make the playoffs."

Smith was Brackett's high scorer with 18 points, and Frerich recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Castillo finished the contest with 10 boards and nine points, Simmons had four points and three rebounds, Davis scored three points, Taylor had two points and two rebounds and Stacey Castilla chipped in four steals and two points.

The Tigerettes faced Natalia on the road Tuesday, but results were not available at press-time. They resume action Friday when they host George West at 6:30.

Brackett will travel to Dilley next Tuesday for a 6:30 game.

points, and Shanae Simmons and Tammy Smith had two apiece. Smith and Amanda Davis each had five rebounds, while Simmons finished with two. Davis also had three steals.

Last Tuesday, Three Rivers outscored Brackett 19-8 in the second quarter en route to a 67-48 win over the Tigerettes.

"I thought we played well against a team that is 4-0 in dis-

J.V. Tigers claim seventh win

Brackett's junior varsity picked up its seventh win of the season Friday as the Tigers claimed a 62-45 victory over the Freer Buckaroos.

With the win, the Tigers improve to 7-3 on the year and 2-0 in district action.

Brackett took an early 16-11 lead after the opening period and then outscored Freer 15-10 in the second quarter to go up 31-21 at intermission.

The Tigers outscored the Buckaroos 31-24 in the second half to secure the victory.

"The J.V. is playing well

ROUNDUP

and coming together as a group," Brackett coach Ken Wallace said. "Martin Flores played excellent defense and led the team in assists."

Travis Nowlin paced the Tigers with 17 points. Tillman Davis and Oscar Sierra also scored in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Tony Rosetti finished the contest with nine points, Cody Edwards scored six, Brandon Klueck had three, and Flores

and Kody Yeager scored two points apiece.

The Brackett Cubettes seventh-grade team, beat the Sacred Heart Crusaders in front of a home crowd last week.

High scorers for the team were Jolisa Wright with seven points, followed by Hayley Harris with six. Julie Castillo scored five, Bailey Allen and Whitney Gum both had two and Daphne Hunt added one.

The Cubettes finish out the season in tournament play in Comstock this weekend.

Tigers' offense explodes in big win over Buckaroos

Brackett had four players score in double digits Friday as the Tigers claimed a 72-54 win over the Freer Buckaroos.

Philip Munoz led the way for Brackett with 20 points and five rebounds. Charlie Slaughter pitched in 16 points, Jared Hobbs had 15 points and nine boards and Jesse Davis finished with 12 points.

"Any time you have four people in double figures you have to be happy," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "Our bench of two played well since we had two starters foul out and were in early foul trouble."

Brackett (8-7, 2-1) jumped out to an 11-5 lead after the first period and then broke the game wide open after outscoring Freer (3-5, 1-2) 29-19 in the second quarter.

"We still need to be more aggressive on defense at times and we need to do a better job of rebounding on both ends," Marquardt said. "We've been

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Freer	1-2	3-5
George West	0-3	3-8

able thus far to hold home court. We need to continue the trend and steal a few on the road."

Dietrich Davis tallied five points and five rebounds in the game, Boyd Brotherton scored three and Noe Talamantes added two points.

Last Tuesday, the Tigers dropped an 84-61 decision to Three Rivers on the road.

Brackett led 18-16 after the opening stanza, but Three Rivers gained control of the contest after outscoring the Tigers 29-16 in the second period.

"Three Rivers is a good ball

team," Marquardt said. "They made a run in the second quarter that we never really could overcome. Every time we started to make a run in the second half they had an answer for us."

"Our effort was real good at times, but the most telling stat of the game is we only had nine rebounds for the entire game. They controlled the boards and were able to get many more shots off. I feel we can beat them at home, but in order to do so, we need to control the tempo and cut down on turnovers."

Munoz finished with 22 points in the game, Hobbs had 17 points, Brotherton scored eight, Slaughter had seven, Jesse Davis scored five and Dietrich Davis had two.

The Tigers faced Natalia on the road Tuesday, but results were not available at press-time. They resume action Friday when they host George West at 8. Brackett will travel to Dilley next Tuesday for an 8 p.m. game.

SWTJC student saves Eagle Pass man's life

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headed to the dorm to change clothes and go get something to eat," McMurtray said.

When he got to the intersection of Ham Lane and Garner Field Road, there were a couple of cars waiting behind what turned out to be Ibarra's Ford F-150 pickup truck, which was partially out in the intersection.

McMurtray watched a couple of cars drive around Ibarra and then he passed him and turned left to go to the college.

"It looked like he was trying to turn right and then just got in the intersection and stopped," McMurtray said.

According to McMurtray, Ibarra was still sitting up when he passed his car. McMurtray said he pulled over on the side of the road after he turned left and watched Ibarra in his outside rearview mirror for a minute or so.

"He would look one way and then the other, and then he would wipe his forehead," McMurtray said. "I must have watched five or six more vehicles drive by him and finally I decided to go see what was wrong."

When he approached the truck, McMurtray said he thought he might be dealing with an alcohol or drug overdose.

"Sweat was just pouring off of him, and I asked him if there was anything I could do to help. I'll never forget the look on his face. He looked like he wanted to tell me something, but just couldn't," McMurtray said.

McMurtray tried to remove Ibarra's keys from the ignition of his truck and took a Styrofoam cup he was holding between his legs.

"I was still thinking he might be drunk, but I took the cup and smelled it and it was a soft drink," he said.

Right after McMurtray set the cup down on the top of the truck, he said Ibarra's eyes rolled back in his head and he started shaking violently. McMurtray said he knew Ibarra was having some type of seizure and to keep his air passages clear, so he tried to stick something in Ibarra's mouth.

Febres, Petrosky win Rotary youth leadership awards

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He said he enters into as many extra-curricular activities as possible and is active in his church. His hobby is working on his car.

Hector is also a junior and is considering going to college at the University of Central Florida where his brother recently graduated. He commented that he had enjoyed getting to know Maartin, and said

"I got my wallet part way in his mouth, but he was clenching his teeth pretty hard and I just barely had it in there. Then he jerked real hard, kicked out the wallet and quit breathing," McMurtray said.

At some point, McMurtray yelled at a woman walking by with her dog and asked her to call someone for help. The woman ran to a nearby convenience store and a man in the parking lot called an ambulance on his cell phone.

McMurtray, in the meantime, managed to get Ibarra's truck in gear and get him stretched out on the seat. He straddled Ibarra, gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and several repetitions of CPR.

"It's kind of funny, but the sheriff's office said the only call they got was from someone who drove past when I was giving Robert CPR and said it looked like there was a fight going on," McMurtray said.

When the EMS arrived, Ibarra was breathing, but was still unconscious. It was while they were loading Ibarra onto a stretcher that McMurtray noticed Ibarra's insulin pack in his truck.

Ibarra, who is diabetic and has been on insulin since he was 4, has had numerous hypoglycemic attacks over the years.

"I probably only had three or four attacks from the time I was 4 until I was in my 20s," Ibarra said. "Once I turned 30, things got much worse."

According to Ibarra, his system has become so used to taking insulin that his body no longer gives him any warning signals when his blood sugar drops dangerously low. He checks his blood between seven and eight times daily to monitor his blood sugar level.

"The day I came to Uvalde for the Crop Walk, I ate a good breakfast and my blood sugar level was fine when I left Eagle Pass," he said.

In 1996, Ibarra made headlines in the Houston area when his then 4-year-old son Ernesto had to call 911 to get assistance for his father who had an attack while getting out of the shower. Ernesto's older sister, Domin-

ique, had shown him how to call the emergency number the day before the incident.

"The dispatcher did a great job keeping Ernesto on the phone long enough that they could put a trace on the call and get an address," Ibarra said.

Not long after the story appeared in the Houston newspapers, Ibarra and his son accepted an invitation to appear on the Maury Povich show.

"I had another attack about a minute into the taping and it never aired," Ibarra said. "But not long after that, I got another call and we went back to New York to appear on Geraldo Rivera's show."

Ibarra and his son were part of a show featuring children who had saved adults' lives by calling 911.

Continuing inability to control his diabetes forced Ibarra in 1999 to apply for and receive full disability status from the state after 20 years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ibarra worked at 16 different prisons during his tenure with TDCJ. His last assignment was as an upper-management instructor at the Edmundo Mirelez Training Facility in Beeville.

After receiving his disability, Ibarra said he went into a period of major depression.

"I had been working steady for the prison system since graduating from high school and I loved my work," Ibarra said. "Now, all of a sudden, I'd get up in the morning, stare at the walls and wonder what to do."

In the fall of 2000, Ibarra decided to go back to college. Over the last five semesters, he has attended classes at Southwest Texas Junior College and Sul Ross State University's Rio Grande College in Eagle Pass.

Ibarra received his degree in psychology from Rio Grande College with a minor in criminal justice during graduation ceremonies held at C.C. Winn High School in Eagle Pass on Dec. 14.

He plans to begin working toward a master's degree in counseling at Rio Grande College this spring. Eventually, Ibarra hopes to get involved in the field of youth counseling.

he was a "cool guy." Maartin spoke briefly. He said he is now enjoying living with the Gregory Stone family.

Maartin recently went skiing in New Mexico and has also gone hunting near San Angelo where he shot a buck.

Maartin's mother, Marianne Vos, and his brother, Reinout, are going to visit him to celebrate his 18th birthday on Feb. 1. They will fly into the Hous-

ton International Airport, rent a car and drive to Brackettville, where they will visit briefly before leaving to visit Las Vegas and some national parks. They will return to Brackettville later to take Maartin to San Antonio, where he will leave for a regional get-together of exchange students in Tulsa, Okla. Several hundred exchange students gather there annually from eight states.

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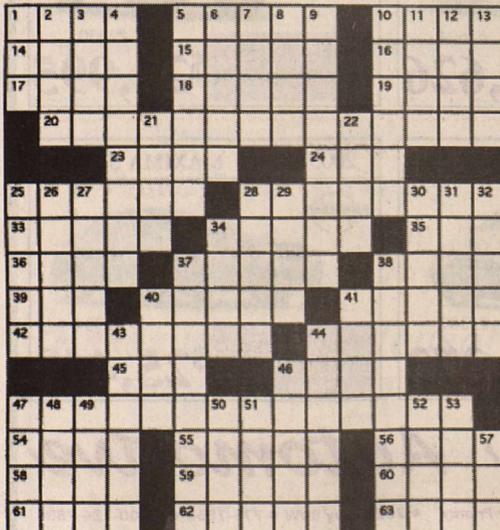
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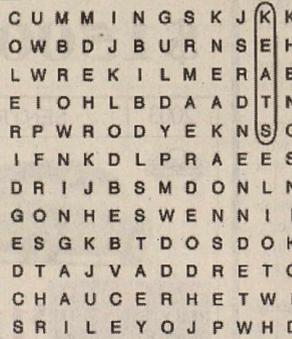


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1. "Sinbad Smith"; 2. Saturday; 3. Television; 4. "The Late Show"; 5. Beret; 6. "The Last Supper"; 7. A hearse; 8. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; 9. Bruce Springsteen; 10. Ivan Boesky

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **POETS**



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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What movie starred Mr. T as Sinbad the Sailor trying to survive in modern-day New York?
- What day of the week do Americans watch the least amount of television?
- What, according to Richard Nixon, was to news what bumper stickers are to philosophy?
- What did "The Late Show starring Joan Rivers" become after Joan was fired?
- What General Motors car prompted an Italian gunmaker to sue the company for trademark infringement?
- What Leonardo daVinci work did Andy Warhol paint a version of?
- What type of vehicle is used on Los Angeles' Graveline Tour of the death spots of many of Hollywood's famous?
- What did Leonid Brezhnev refer to in 1980 as "a small police action ... a few soldiers guarding roads and bridges"?
- What singer's favorite nouns when writing lyrics are "night", "girl", and "street"?
- What convicted Wall Streeter began studying Hebrew and Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary?

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Jan. 27.....Margarita Garcia	Jan. 29.....Marge Love
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Jan. 29.....Preston Taylor

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You'll need a bit of a push this week to get motivated. Once you do, you're a house afire! In the process, don't ignore domestic needs.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your suspicions are correct. Someone close to you is envious of your success. Try to smooth things over for the sake of the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
It seems you're torn in many different directions this week. Everyone needs you for one thing or another. Only accept what you can actually accomplish.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Put the brakes on that new business deal. You're moving way too fast. Later in the week, intellectual pursuits occupy your time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You positively ooze charm and charisma this week. Of course, that's just your leonine way. Over the weekend, you could have a tendency to be short-tempered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
It's up to you this week to take the initiative at work. Let others follow your lead. Your creativity peaks by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You have the big picture clearly in focus. However, don't ignore some important details along the way. Later in the week, feel free to day-dream.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You don't have to be so bossy. Co-workers are willing to be cooperative, so lighten up. Contractual matters reach fruition by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Remember the old adage: Slow and steady wins the race. Try not to be so impatient. A friend has an interesting proposition, so listen carefully.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Romance is satisfying. However, there's still an area of contention. Try to resolve this as mutually acceptable as possible.

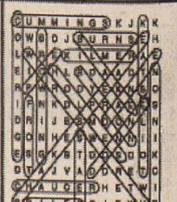
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your financial judgment is good. However, some still may be tempted to overspend on luxury items. Before doing so, ask yourself if you really need to make that purchase.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Things don't go so well early in the week on the personal front. Work, however, is another story. Everything falls neatly into place.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Blake
- Browning
- Burns
- Byron
- Chaucer
- Coleridge
- Cummings
- Dante
- Dickinson
- Donne
- Eliot
- Frost
- Holmes
- Keats
- Kilmer
- Poe
- Riley
- Shakespeare
- Wordsworth
- Yeats



Lutheran church hosts its sixth annual meeting

Skelton named recipient of the Jerry O'Brien Award for service to church

Amie Skelton was given the Jerry O'Brien Award recently as Our Redeemer Lutheran Church held its sixth annual meeting.

Ruth Spencer presided over the meeting and presented the award to Skelton.

The Jerry O'Brien Award is presented annually to a member of the church who has dedicated themselves to diligently serve the congregation.

Skelton has served as church treasurer for seven years and volunteers for many other activities of the church.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Pastor Nathan Lafrenz.

Church Council members elected were Lesley Jones, vice president, and Sandy Reesman, council member. They will replace Ken Spencer and Bill Larson, who have each served

three-year terms on the council.

The other members on the council are Ron Ladeau, president; Dianna Daniels, secretary; Amie Skelton, Treasurer; Mary Petrosky; Ruth Spencer and Sarah Meyer, youth advisor.

Progress of Congregation was addressed by President Spencer and noted that we held a 12-hour Easter Prayer Vigil this year.

Posters have been designed, listing service times, pastors and locations of all Brackettville Churches. These posters will be distributed at the Fort Clark Springs motel, R.V. Park, Post Office and other area businesses.

Lutheran Women was organized in October, with Gertie Trautwein serving as president and Pat Strothers as secretary and treasurer.

The closing prayer was offered by Pastor Lafrenz.



Skelton honored
President Ruth Spencer (left) presents the Jerry O'Brien Award to Amie Skelton during Our Redeemer Lutheran Church's sixth annual meeting. The award is presented annually to a member of the church who has dedicated themselves to diligently serve the congregation.

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Make room for one more person in life

Recruits in the army have been told, "Always dig your foxholes big enough for two." It takes more effort to do this, but it could save one more life. Making room for one more person in your life is a good principle. Scripture states: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Isaiah 58:7 teaches us this in a practical way: "Is it not to share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe him?"

One plus one: this sets a goal within reach. If we are told to help all of humanity, we might say, "How can I? How can I possibly make room in my life for billions of people?" But, to make our proverbial foxhole big enough for two, big enough for one more, that we can do.

In bearing Christian witness, we can "each one, reach one." That is how the early church grew. Discipling began in families and friendship circles.

There is an old Jewish saying, when one saves a life, the whole world is saved.

We must not become para-



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Nathan Lafrenz

lyzed by the immensity of the problems around us. God doesn't expect us individually to change the world, but to be like salt, light, leaven in our spheres of influence. The kingdom of God is built brick by brick, and we are the bricks, love is the mortar. Let us each reach out at least to one other person in meeting their needs, may they be financial, hunger, friendship, forgiveness, grief, loneliness, hopelessness. Jesus always made room in His kingdom for one more: for the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, for Zacchaeus in Jericho, for the penitent thief on the cross, also for you and me, because He died so that we all might live. Come and celebrate this gift of life that Christ gave to us Sunday at 9 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Baptism: A light for the world

Baptism is a sacrament in the Catholic Church known as a "sacrament of the living."

Through the sacrament of baptism, we are absolved of the original sin of Adam and Eve and begin our journey toward becoming children of God.

As Catholics, we are usually baptized as babies. We have parents and godparents who speak for us and make promises for us. Throughout our lives, we have many opportunities to renew our baptismal vows.

Even though most Catholics don't remember their own baptism, we recall with great joy to baptisms of our children and grandchildren.

Because my husband is a convert to the Catholic faith, I had the privilege of participating in his baptism. I remember quite well how the priest handed me the cup of holy water and allowed me to pour it over Tom's forehead.

What a joy it was not only to welcome him into my earthly family, but also into my faith family as well.

Our oldest son was baptized in Chicago in a large parish with several other babies. Our other two children were baptized in a small parish in Peoria, Ill., where baptisms were conducted as part



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Lynn McNew

of the Mass celebration. Three of our four grandchildren were baptized right here in St. Mary Magdalene Church, with proud grandparents right in the front row taking pictures. Unfortunately, one of our granddaughters were baptized in Korea and we were not present for that one.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the baptism of Jesus, and what a celebration it was. Our Catholic faith tells us that this is the only occasion where God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are together at one place.

Matthew's gospel tells us: When Jesus asked John to baptize Him, John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and yet You are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Thus John allowed Him. After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for Him and He saw the

Spirit of God descending like a dove. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:13-17)

At our own baptism, the sky did not open above us. No booming voice was heard. What was proclaimed, however, were the words, "You have put on Christ."

Since we have put on Christ, we are the chosen ones of God. We can sit back and bask in this reality. If we do this, we really miss the point. To be God's chosen ones means that we must also be a light for people — we are called to open the eyes of the blind, rescuing those who live in darkness. Darkness comes in many forms around us — crime, violence, bigotry, racial hatred, and intolerance, to name a few.

There is so much good that God's chosen ones can accomplish, if only we believe that we have the capacity to make a difference.

Lord, help me to live my baptismal promises in my daily life. Give me the strength to be a light to the world.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

Commit your life to God and then surrender your control to his will

Last week, I wrote to you about our being powerless to control our sins and our lives in general, without God's helping hand, but I wasn't able to convince the hardcore "control freaks" out there, so with God's help I'll try again.

"Control freaks" have the idea that they're just a little bit better, just a little bit smarter, just a little bit more important than most other folks, including their wives and children.

They believe that their ways are better, righter ways and have a tendency to impose their will on the people around them. They try to control everything around them — people, places and circumstances — because they know what's best, or so they think.

This can be as true for ministers and church leaders as well as ordinary sinners, but eventually, when the pain or rejection by and conflict with these they attempt to control gets unbearable, they will come face to face with their own powerlessness.

Even for us non-control



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Dave Crowe

freaks, control is important.

As we grew up and observed our parents, we could see that in some very important ways life was all about being in control and not letting other people control you.

We think we are supposed to be in control and exercise our power to do whatever it is that we have determined to do, when in reality we who have committed our lives to God are supposed to have surrendered our control center to his will. We say, "Thy will, not mine, be done."

There is a paradox involved in using our own will and being willing to act on God's will. Both require action, and it is difficult to discern the difference, which things are within our power to change and which we are powerless over.

We must give up our delu-

sionary control in order to gain a reality-oriented self-control.

Here is something to think about. As we move through life, we begin to take pride in those things that seem to reflect our success.

We say that we are "proud of" our choice of husband or wife, our children, our cars, our friends, our church and we look at these people and things and assure ourselves that we are in fact in control, that we are happy, that we have power and that we are complete.

We are not giving God any credit, and to make matters even worse, we are using control of these outward things as evidence of our worth, as a person, to have a sense of value and to be happy.

I said it last week and I'll say it again, when we turn back to God as our only hope and give up on our own power and our own agendas and turn over our lives and will to him, then and only then will we discover a simpler way of life, filled with joy and happiness.

God will renew your strength

Humility clarifies direction. Answers are given, issues are made clear and blessings are brought forth through a state of being humble.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

If the cry of your heart is to walk closer to God, you must have a daily habit of praying, seeking God's face, turning from your wicked or sinful ways. Then, and only then, will God be able to bless you and heal you.

When you are on your knees in prayer, when your head is bowed down in reverence to your Holy God, you can more easily see the footprints of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who walks before you, shining his light upon your pathway.

Too often we are like the child that pulls away from his parent and runs out into the street where cars are bearing down upon him. Running ahead of your



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"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:10-11)

The devil is out to destroy you, but just like a parent, Jesus would run out into the middle of the busy street, scoop you up and carry you to safety.

If you have been running, it is time to be still and wait on the Lord.

He will renew your strength. He will cause you to have fresh hope and a new vision.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk,

If your walk has slowed to a stagger, if you feel like you are about to faint, stop, work up your faith, and remember the strength of God's promises.

and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

If your walk has slowed to a stagger, if you feel like you are about to faint, stop, work up your faith, and remember the strength of God's promises.

Even as Abraham "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." (Romans 4:20)

By building up your faith with a humble heart, God will be faithful in performing his promises to you.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



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Praise the Lord, whose kindness is better than life

Oh, God thou art my God: early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is:

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee; thy right hand upholdeth me. Psalms 63:1-8.

Praise God!

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